

# Joe Barnhart- Bee County Library

## Library Use by Minors Policy

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- Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or assigned caregiver. The parent/ caregiver must be in the immediate vicinity and in visual contact with the child. The assigned caregiver must be a responsible person and must carry emergency contact information. An exception would be child attending a scheduled program without the parent in the room. However, the parent/caregiver is expected to remain in the library building and immediately rejoin the child at the end of the program. The library may notify the Police regarding any child 8 years old and under left unattended. The responsibility for the safety and behavior of children in the library rests with the parent/caregiver and **not** with library staff.
- Children under 18 and older than 9 may be left **unattended** in the library for **only two hours per day**, unless they are attending special programming hosted by the library. The library may notify the Police regarding any child left beyond the two hours.
- Children must follow the Behavior Policy.
- Parents/caregivers are responsible for their children's use of library materials and equipment.
- **Children using computers must use their OWN library card for access.**
- Children using computers must follow the Computer Use Policy.
- Children who do not follow the Library policies will be asked to leave the library and a block may be placed on their library account. **If the child refuses to leave, the Police may be called.**

### **POLICY CHANGES**

The Library reserves the right to update and change this policy at any time without notice.